

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OHIO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

90th Department Encampment



**Mt. Union College Campus
Alliance, Ohio
June 23-25, 1972**

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The 90th Annual Encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at Mt. Union College Campus on June 23, 24, 25, 1972 with the Department Commander Robert Wolz presiding. On Friday afternoon the Department Council audited the books of the Department Secretary Treasurer.

The Camp Fire was held at the Hoover-Price Center. The Exceptional Children's Choir of Stark County gave a delightful program. The main speaker was Senator Ralph Regula, who spoke on the topic of "Freedom." He said that American soldiers have sacrificed to keep it for us. William McKinley pled his first case in Navarre, Ohio for striking coal minors (Sic) for more freedom in their work as well as better living conditions... All persons should appreciate the opportunity to vote... and the youth of the country have used the freedom to change society as well as ideas in government.

The first session of the Encampment was the joint opening along with the Auxiliary. The Chiefs of Staff of the two organizations presided – Thomas Hoffman of Mansfield and Mrs. Paul Grate of Warren, along with Nancy Greenwalt of Alliance using some unique drills for the officers of the Department. The officers were escorted into a circle of silver cord, interspersed with white carnations, and the ladies were presented with red carnation corsages and the gentlemen red carnation boutonnieres. Commander-in-Chief Norman Furman of New York and National President Agnes Davis of Delaware were present and spoke, bringing greetings from their organizations to the Ohio Department. The Sons then retired to hold their sessions.

The first session was opened, and the following appointments were made:
Resolutions Committee – John Decker, Paul Selby, Thomas Hoffman.
Officers Reports – Richard Greenwalt, C.B. Wood, Paul Grate.
Greetings Committee – all members assembled to visit the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The first item of business was roll call of officers and resulted as follows:

Department Commander	Robert J. Wolz
Department Senior Vice Commander	Ralph Shadel Jr.
Department Council	C.B. Wood, Richard Greenwalt
Department Chaplain	the Rev. David T. Reeves
Department Assistant Patriotic Instructor	M.R. Battey
Department Chief of Staff	Thomas Hoffman
Department Guide	Paul Selby

The next item of business was the reading of the officer's reports and reference to the committee. The following reports were submitted: Department Commander, Department Senior Vice Commander, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, and Chief of Staff.

Under reading of communications, a letter was received from Past Commander-in-Chief George Cashman, stating that plans to set up a board for the future observance of the

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death of Abraham Lincoln at the Tomb at Springfield, Illinois, of Veterans groups. This department felt that in the future the planning may get out of the hands of the Sons of Union Veterans, so that a motion was made by Past Department Commander Richard Greenwalt, seconded by Ralph Shadel Jr., that this letter be tabled until the board is set up, and we can be sure that the Sons of Union Veterans have control of the planning for the ceremonies. The vote was favorable, and the motion carried.

At the 1971 Encampment session a By-Law committee was appointed consisting of Richard Greenwalt, Robert Austin, and Robert Wolz to revise the by-laws of the Department. A number of meetings were held, with Jerry Wolford filling in for Robert Wolz, and at this time Richard Greenwalt read the by-laws as submitted by the committee and a few changes resulted.

At the afternoon session, the degree work was conferred on two candidates. Frank Hilliard of Camp #91 and Charles Windorf of Camp #466. Department Commander Robert Wolz spoke on presenting at the National a membership award to be known as the Department of Ohio Membership award, but after a short discussion, the award was accepted but to be known as the Robert Wolz Award and to be based on percentage of membership in the Camps. Some three years ago a membership plaque was presented to the Department by Robert Wolz, to be given to the Camp showing the largest percentage of gain during the year, and the first year Salem Camp #43, kept it, the last year McClellan Camp #91 was awarded the plaque and again this year Camp #43 Salem gained possession. It was presented to the Camp Commander, Robert J. Wolz.

It has been quite a number of years since the Department of Ohio has entertained the National Encampment, along with the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Grand Army, and each year a short discussion has been held. This year Robert Wolz and Richard Greenwalt have been doing some groundwork, seeing if Ohio could entertain the National, and have secured information from Cincinnati as well as Capitol University in Columbus as to prices and accommodations. After lengthy discussion motion was made by Jerry Wolford and seconded by Charles Windorf and others that an invitation be extended at the National Encampment in Philadelphia in August 1972, for the 1976 National Encampment if the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic go along with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in this venture. The vote resulted favorable.

As it was nearing the close of the Encampment all bills have been received and the Sons share amounted to \$43.70, so a motion was made by C.B. Wood, seconded by M.R. Battey and carried that this bill be allowed and paid.

This Encampment was honored to have the Commander-in-Chief Norman R. Furman present at all the Encampment sessions and contributed his knowledge in his office to many of our questions during the sessions.

The registration committee reported a total attendance of 28.

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A visit of the greetings committee from the Auxiliary surprised those in attendance with a check for \$25.00.

M.R. Battey had secured some neckties to sell for the organization, all the extra profit above the cost of the ties to be placed in the treasury and at this time turned over \$13.00 and still has 6 ties on hand.

The Department officers for the 1972-1973 term are as follows:

Department Commander – Ralph Shadel Jr. 186 Essex Rd. Lexington, O. 44904
Department Sr. Vice Commander – Robert C. Wolz, New Waterford, Ohio 44445
Department Jr. Vice Commander – Kenneth Swift, 146 Mansfield Ave., Mt. Vernon O. 43050
Department Council – Robert J. Wolz, New Waterford, Ohio 3yr. term
 Two Year Term – Richard Greenwalt, 616 Summit, Alliance Ohio 44601
 One year term – C.B. Wood, 742 S. Arch Ave., Alliance, Ohio 44601
Department Treasurer – Robert Austin, 147 S. McKinley Ave. Alliance Ohio 44601
Department Secretary – Robert Austin, 147 S. McKinley Ave., Alliance Ohio 44601
Department Patriotic Instructor – Paul Grate, 1295 Edgewood N.W. Warren Ohio 44483
Department Chaplain – Rev. David T. Reeves, 2145 S. Cherry, Alliance, Ohio 44601
Department Councilor – Wm. Coffin, 3755 Hyde Park, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209
Department Chief of Staff – Thomas Hoffman, 115 Glenwood Blvd. Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Department Guide – Frank J. Hilliard, 1325 Smithfield St. East Liverpool, 43920
Department Color Guard – John Decker, 8613 Force Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44105
Department Personal Aide – Paul Selby, 127 Glenwood Blvd. Mansfield, O 44906
Dept. Military Aide – Jerry Wolford, 157 W. 12th St. Salem, Ohio 44460

The Commander-in-Chief Norman Furman installed the officers in his impressive and capable manner.

At 3:00 p.m. the Memorial Services were held for the deceased members during the last year. The Sons of Union Veterans had 4 deaths: George Davis of Camp #10, John Russell of Camp #91, Wilbur Horn of Camp #466, Clyde Neff of Camp #12.

The Joint Banquet was held Saturday night with a good attendance from the three orders of the Grand Army family. The Masonic Chorus gave a splendid program of music, and the speaker was Dr. Robert R. Jones, of the Department of History of the Akron University. He chose as his subject – “What was Mr. Lincoln Really Like?” Abraham Lincoln was unpopular with the leaders of the country – in his way of dress and policy, since those in government were very well educated and Lincoln did not meet the requirements of a public official. He was, however, very popular with the working class people, so the leaders had to accept him. George Washington was classed as the “Father of our Country,” while Abraham Lincoln was classed as “The Savior of the Country and Leader of Men.”

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To the Officers and Men of the Department of Ohio,

Greetings

It is with great pride and pleasure that I give this report of my activities as your Department Commander.

My year has all too quickly passed by, and I trust that you will find my work for the order satisfactory and to your expectations.

Visitations

I shall not give you a blow-by-blow account of my travels but will try to summarize these as follows:

I attended meetings of the Alliance, Cleveland, Mansfield, and Salem area Camps. I had hoped to include Cincinnati and Columbus, but neither could offer a date for visitation.

I attended meetings of District 1 Northern and Eastern Ohio and District 2 Central and Western Ohio Sons and Auxiliary and at both found a spirit of cooperation and interest continues.

Efforts were made and papers issued to organize a Cap at Unionport, Ohio where I attended an active Auxiliary meeting, but nothing has resulted there as yet. Visitations within the Department took me to two Lincoln Day Dinners – Cleveland and Salems's. Sorry I missed Alliance.

Extended the arm of friendship in attending both the reception for the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Department Encampment at which several of our Brothers helped lay a wreath at the G.A.R. Monument at the Cleveland Public Square.

Outside of the State, your Commander headed the Ohio Delegation to the National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief and served as National Patriotic Instructor. Ohio deserves high praise for her help in raising my fund to \$1,575.00.

Ohio being active in Central Region of the Sons and Auxiliary had a fine delegation at Lafayette, Ind. With your Commander serving as Central Regional Commander and discussing "Teaching American Heritage."

Special Session

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Many of you know that I was the first Commander in recent time to pull a Special Meeting of the Ohio Department last October 31st. A resolution was adopted calling for the lowering of membership eligibility age from the present 16 down to 14. From all reports this is likely to be adopted by National this year at Philadelphia.

By-Laws

After 30 years, Ohio will have a new set of By-Laws for the Ohio Department. Robert Austin, Dick Greenwalt, and Jerry Wolford worked on these thru three sessions, and they will be presented for your adoption.

Permanent Fund

The Secretary-Treasurer's report will show the current status of this fund. As you know the Ohio Department Permanent Fund is a Trust Fund from which only the interest can be spent.

Recommendation No. 1: That the Department Secretary send a list of all donations to this fund to the Department Commander and Department Commander include the same in Department orders.

Recommendation No. 2: That we continue to push for pledges to this fund either thru the Department orders of (or) pledge cards.

(Note: On the side of the minutes of this Proceedings it states "Approved C.B.M., P.G. R.G. I believe these to stand for C.B. Wood, Paul Grate, and Richard Greenwalt members of the Department Council)

Membership

Here is the problem in the nutshell: TOO MANY MEMBERS WANT TO DO TOO LITTLE. DON'T LET ME HEAR ONE WORD OF COMPLAINT ABOUT ANYTHING IN OUR ORDER UNLESS YOU SHOW ME YOUR NATIONAL AIDE APPOINTMENT FOR GAINING FIVE OR MORE MEMBERS. I signed up over 15 members, Brother Jerry Wolford got his 5. How many did YOU sign up. We can not accept any excuses – they just do not hold water anymore.

(Note: Once again on the side of these proceedings are the initials C.W., P.G. R.G.)

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Promotion

That a committee be established to promote the Order via press releases and paid advertising at select intervals. While I will donate toward this cause, a means should be made to make this self supporting.

Recommendation No. 4: That the Department raise the Initiation Fee to \$10.00 with the Camps keeping \$6.00 and paying \$4.00 to the Department on each new member with the Per capita tax. This money to be used to promote the Order throughout the Department. (Note: Initials C.W., P.G., R.G. appear on the side.)

Committee on Historical Trust

Recommendation No. 5: That the new Commander continue the program and push for active members. (Note: Initials C.W., P.G., R.G. appear on the side.)

Grand Army Highway

I sadly note that U.S. Route No. 6 is not properly marked along its route in Ohio. As the legislature has named this Grand Army of the Republic Highway, we must contact the Highway department and our State officials and request new signs mark this route.

Budget

In the past the Department has more or less operated from day to day. This cannot continue. Sound business procedure must be adopted. Therefore;

Recommendation No. 6: That the Department Council serve as a Budget Committee and report what amount is needed before the last session of the Department Encampment. (Note: Non-Concurrence C.W., P.G., R.G. appear beside this recommendation in the Proceedings.)

Finally allow me to thank each and everyone of you. God knows we need active members like yourselves.

Yours in F.C. & L
Robert J. Wolz, Department Commander

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To the Officers and Fellow Members of the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Greetings:

The following is my report as your Department Senior Vice Commander for the past year:

I was proud and privileged to help the Sons of the Union Veterans display at the Ohio State Fair this last summer, which was put up by Brother Alan Nutt of Columbus. This display was visited by many and greatly alerted the public to our order. Also, I was in attendance here in Alliance at the reception honoring Commander Wolz and President Greenwalt and also attended the District No. 2 meeting in October. On November 20, I along with other Ohio members attended the annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day Program at the Visitor's Center in Zeigler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield., and saw a fine parade and program sponsored by our National officers.

On April 15th of this year, I again journeyed to Springfield, Illinois for the annual Memorial Service at the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln and was disappointed that Ohio's own Brother Wm. Coffin who was one of the founders of this annual ritual was unable to attend due to ill health.

In May I attended our District #2 meeting in West Milgrove and participated in our local Memorial Day Parade and Program as is a duty of us all.

In closing, may I belatedly thank those who honored me with this office and hope that I did not disappoint you in the carrying out of my duties.

Ralph Shadel
Department Senior Vice Commander

Approved: Paul Grate
C.B. Wood
Richard Greenwalt

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Alliance, Ohio
June 24, 1973

To the Officers and Members of the Ohio Department

As a member of your department council, I have had an interesting year. I have served on your encampment committee, on your By-Laws revision committee and of course on the auditing committee. The latter two will come up for separate consideration.

During the year I have attended the National at Boston, the Regional at West Lafayette, Indiana, Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, the Annual Lincoln Day banquet in Cleveland, the Ohio State Daughters of Union Veterans convention in Cleveland, the Penna. Department in Bedford, District meeting at Unionport and Alliance, meeting at Frost, Sons meeting in Salem including their observance of Memorial Day on the evening of May 30th, in Hope Cemetery for which I feel that they should be commended, Brady's Run, Braddock Heights, Maryland and Fort Mott New Jersey.

In my travels I find that our order is not dead, but different approaches are necessary to add to our membership. I feel that we gain a few embers each time we do a re-enactment. More could probably be done along these lines. It is too bad that we have camps at neither Unionport nor Frost, but it seems that there is little if any interest among the eligible men. Hopefully, we can get one of our former Camps re-chartered in the foreseeable future and I would like permission from the incoming Department Commander to work on this.

This past Thursday, June 22nd, I sent by certified mail the attached letter. I have enjoyed serving the Ohio Department for another year. Thank you for the privilege.

Respectfully.

Richard Greenwalt

Approved: C.B. Wood
Paul Grate

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616 West Summit
Alliance, Ohio 44601
June 22, 1972

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing this letter to you dealing with the subject of your joining an organization to which I belong, and about which I have strong feelings.

The organization to which I refer is the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. According to an article appearing in the February 1972 copy of the Civil War Times Illustrated, Magazine, page 40, your great grandfather, George Nixon III is buried in the Ohio plot in the National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pa. This lineage makes you eligible for our organization. The Sons are, of course, the linear descendants of the G.A.R. and as such, have a national charter from congress.

I cannot help but mention the many problems that your great grandmother must have in the raising of the eight children left fatherless by grim reaper at the Battle of Gettysburg.

You are probably aware of some of our activities such as the ceremonies commemorating the birth and death of President Lincoln, and Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, when we honor the memory of the last veteran of the Union Army.

Just as you in your high position, we in various communities do all that we can to keep patriotism alive in this great country of ours, so that the heroic work of the Boys in Blue and the sacrifices made by other members of the Armed Forces through the ages will not have been in vain.

We would be happy to have you as a member of our organization and I fell sure the if this letter gets into your hands, you will give the matter your consideration. If you have any questions in regard to the organization, I will be happy to answer them or refer them to someone who can provide the answers.

Enclosed you will find an application for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Richard L. Greenwalt
Past Department Commander
Ohio

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To the Officers and members of the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The membership of the Ohio Department is now 178 and during the year 21 membership were added, there were 3 deaths and 14 were dropped.

The Lincoln Camp at New Castle has been dropped due to the death of the Secretary. George Davis who has carried on the business of the Camp for some years.

The Camp in Toledo has not been active since the sickness of Chester Bigley but have written to some of the members asking them to take over the duties of collecting dues as well as reviving the Camp. but no reply.

The deaths received from the quarterly reports are: George Davis #10, John Russell #91, as well as Clyde Neff #12. The Department Commander issued the general orders and each time at his expense to the Department and the Banner mailed to each member along with the general orders.

I think two years ago the National raised the per capita tax from .25 to .35 cents but this department did not raise the quota from the Camps, and have survived with the income; again, recommend that the department still ask for the .50 per quarter as in the past.

This is the year for the election of Department Secretary-Treasurer, and I have been serving in this office for about 4 or 5 years and have enjoyed the work very much and hope have not caused distrust from any member. But since conditions at my home cause me to be home every morning, and since we have been at Mount Union College Campus for a number of years, and perhaps may in the future be at some other city, I feel that perhaps some one else should be considered for this next three-year term. If the future meetings are elsewhere, I will not be able to attend, and the Secretary should be in attendance so to keep this matter in mind when the nomination of officers for the next year are held this Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Ohio Department the past few years, but at the time I accepted the position I was in hopes that Charles Bigley would have improved as to take the position that he so ably filled for a number of years.

Let each Son of Union Veteran of the Civil War pledge a new or reinstated member for the new term of the Encampment.

Yours in F.C. & L

Robert Austin

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Department Secretary

Approved:

C.B. Wood
Paul Grate
Richard Greenwalt

Treasurer's Report for 1971-1972

Balance on hand June 1, 1971 337.55

INCOME

Camp Quarterly Reports	410.00
Patriotic Instructors Fund	53.00
Chief of Staff Fund	118.00
Donations (Auxiliary etc)	40.00
Xenia and C.S. & S	45.00
Supplies	<u>27.00</u>

TOTAL \$1,030.55

EXPENSES:

National per-capita tax	245.70
Supplies	43.00
Encampment Expenses	59.00
Advertising	28.00
Regional Dues	5.00
Officers Bond	5.00
Xenia and O.S. & S Homes	<u>50.00</u>

Total Expenditures \$435.70 435.70

BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 1, 1972 \$594.85

Permanent Fund \$55.00

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Austin, Treasurer

Approved:

C.B. Wood
Paul Grate

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Richard Greenwalt

Alliance, Ohio
June 25, 1972

To the Officers and Members of the Ohio Department

The Department Council are pleased to make the following report upon an Audit of the Department Secretary-Treasurer's books. We found everything to be in the usual good order. Since his retirement he has transferred the department Funds from a bank in Canton to a bank in Alliance and closed out the Canton account.

We again want to compliment Bob Austin on the fine manner in which he conducts his office. We note that the Patriotic Instructor's Fund is several dollars greater this year than usual and Bob explained to us the reason for the increase.

It is to be expected that since Bob's retirement there will also be an increase in the cost for printing for the Ohio Department. Also, we realize and appreciate the fact that our present Ohio Department commander has saved the department several dollars by having his general orders printed at his own expense. We would encourage the incoming department commander to continue the practice of coordinating the issuing of his general orders with the time of the mailing of the Banner to keep postage costs down.

We are happy to note that our balance on hand has increased by \$157.30 this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Greenwalt
C.B. Wood
Department Council

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Alliance, Ohio
June 25, 1972

To the Officers and members of the Ohio Department

The members of the Committee on Officers Reports wish to submit the following report:

We wish to commend Tom Hoffman, Patriotic Instructor for his fine financial report.

We wish to commend our Senior Vice Commander, Ralph Shadel, for his attendance at various National Patriotic events

We approve Council Greenwalt's report of the Department Council.

We are happy to approve the Treasurer's report. We approve the Secretary's report and thank Bob Austin for another year of service to the Ohio Department. We note Bob's thinking about his future in his office.

We thank our Department Commander, Bob Wolz, for a year of dedicated service to the Sons. We concur on his first five recommendations, but do not concur on his sixth recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Greenwalt
C.B. Wood
Paul Grate
Committee

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RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Encampment Site Committee chaired by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic be thanked for their excelled service and fine programs provided.
2. That Mt. Union College be extended our thanks for the courtesies given and the excellent meals provided.
3. That the Alliance Review be thanked for the excellent news coverage they have supplied us.

Respectfully submitted,

John Decker

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LINCOLN TOMB DEATHDAY ASSOCIATION To Commemorate the Anniversaries of Lincoln's Death

Dept. of Ohio SUVCW
Robert J. Wolz, Commander
Box 189, Rt. 14
New Waterford, Ohio 44445

Treasurer
George L. Cashman
Lincoln Tomb
Springfield, Ill,
62702

Dear Commander:

AS one intimately associated with the Lincoln Tomb ceremony over the years, I have been privileged to observe its growth and stature as an event on our patriotic calendar. Whatever success this observance may enjoy comes directly from the willingness of many groups and individuals that participate each year. To each a resounding "Thanks!"

Prior to this year's ceremony, a small ad hoc committee met in Springfield to consider the future of the ceremony. As many of you know, this observance is sponsored by the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War thru funds donated to the SONS for patriotic work. For the long range it was felt that the permanence of this ceremony can be assured only if it eventually can become financially self-supporting. As a means of lightening the SON' share while retaining the quality of the program, we are endeavoring to raise funds to help carry on this work. To date we have received contributions from several interested individuals, some in excess of \$10.00.

We are hopeful that organizations such as yours may want to contribute and in a real sense become an ongoing part of this noble work. For this reason, there is enclosed an invoice in the amount of \$10.00. If your organization should see fit to contribute this sum to a sustaining fund, this would be a step toward the goal of financial independence. An interest-bearing account has been opened at the Illinois National Bank of Springfield to receive contributions realized from this appeal.